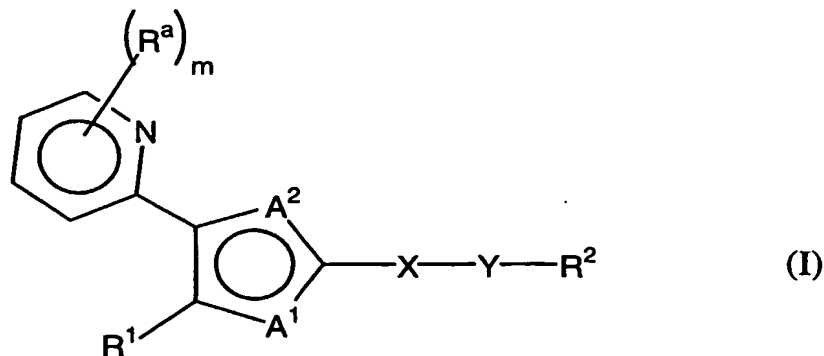


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What is claimed is:

1. A compound of the following formula:



or an N-oxide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

5 wherein

R^1 is aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, or heteroaralkyl;

each R^a is independently alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, acyl, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, oxo, thioxo, cyano, guanadino, amidino, carboxy, sulfo, mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, carbamoyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylsulfanyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkylsulfanyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylsulfanyl, aroyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaryl-sulfanyl, or heteroaroyl;

X is cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl;

15 Y is a bond, $-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-O-$, $-O-C(O)-$, $-S(O)_p-O-$, $-O-S(O)_p-$, $-C(O)-N(R^b)-$, $-N(R^b)-C(O)-$, $-O-C(O)-N(R^b)-$, $-N(R^b)-C(O)-O-$, $-O-S(O)_p-N(R^b)-$, $-N(R^b)-S(O)_p-O-$, $-N(R^b)-C(O)-N(R^c)-$, $-N(R^b)-S(O)_p-N(R^c)-$, $-C(O)-N(R^b)-S(O)_p-$, $-S(O)_p-N(R^b)-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-N(R^b)-S(O)_p-N(R^c)-$, $-C(O)-O-S(O)_p-N(R^b)-$, $-N(R^b)-S(O)_p-N(R^c)-C(O)-$, $-N(R^b)-S(O)_p-O-C(O)-$, $-S(O)_p-N(R^b)-$, $-N(R^b)-S(O)_p-$, $-N(R^b)-$, $-S(O)_p-$, $-O-$, $-S-$, or $-(C(R^b)(R^c))_q-$,
 20 , wherein each of R^b and R^c is independently hydrogen, hydroxy, alkyl, alkoxy, amino, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycloalkyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl; p is 1 or 2; and q is 1-4;

R^2 is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, cycloalkenyl, (cycloalkenyl)alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, (heterocycloalkenyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or
 25 (heteroaryl)alkenyl;

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each of A^1 and A^2 , independently, is O, S, N, or NR^b ; provided that at least one of A^1 and A^2 is N; and

m is 0, 1, 2, or 3; provided that when $m \geq 2$, two adjacent R^a groups can join together to form a 4- to 8-membered optionally substituted cyclic moiety.

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2. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is a 4- to 8-membered monocyclic or bicyclic cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl.

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3. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuran, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane, bicyclo[2.2.2]octane, bicyclo[3.2.1]octane, 2-oxa-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane, 2-aza-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane, 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octane, or 1-aza-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane.

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4. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is piperidinyl, piperazinyl, or pyrrolidinyl.

5. The compound of claim 4, wherein the piperidinyl, piperazinyl, or pyrrolidinyl is bonded to Y via its nitrogen ring atom.

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6. The compound of claim 5, wherein Y is a bond, $-C(O)O-$, $-C(O)-N(R^b)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, or $-S(O)_2-N(R^b)-$, wherein R^b is hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl.

7. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, or bicyclo[2.2.2]octane.

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8. The compound of claim 7, wherein Y is $-N(R^b)-C(O)-$, $-N(R^b)-S(O)_2-$, $-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-O-$, $-O-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-N(R^b)-$, $-S(O)_p-$, $-O-$, $-S(O)_2-N(R^b)-$, $-N(R^b)-$, $-N(R^b)-C(O)-O-$, or $-N(R^b)-C(O)-N(R^c)-$.

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9. The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is $-N(R^b)-C(O)-$, $-N(R^b)-S(O)_2-$, $-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-O-$, $-O-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-N(R^b)-$, $-S(O)_p-$, $-O-$, $-S(O)_2-N(R^b)-$, $-N(R^b)-$, $-N(R^b)-C(O)-O-$, $-N(R^b)-C(O)-N(R^c)-$, $-C(O)-N(R^b)-S(O)_p-N(R^c)-$, or $-C(O)-O-S(O)_p-N(R^b)-$.

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10. The compound of claim 1, wherein R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl-C₁₋₄ alkyl, or heteroaryl-C₁₋₄ alkyl.

11. The compound of claim 1, wherein R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, phenyl, pyridyl, imidazolyl, furanyl, thienyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, benzyl, phenylethyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, naphthylmethyl, naphthylethyl, or -C₁₋₂ alkyl-pyridyl; each of which being independently optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluoro, chloro, trifluoromethyl, methyl, ethyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, sulfamoyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkylcarbonyloxy.

12. The compound of claim 1, wherein R² is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-butyl, t-butyl, benzyl or pyridylmethyl.

13. The compound of claim 1, wherein R¹ is aryl or heteroaryl.

14. The compound of claim 1, wherein R¹ is substituted phenyl, indanyl, or heteroaryl selected from the group consisting of benzo[1,3]dioxolyl, benzo[*b*]thiophenyl, benzo-oxadiazolyl, benzothiadiazolyl, benzoimidazolyl, benzooxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, 2-oxo-benzooxazolyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, 2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxyl, 2,3-dihydro-benzofuryl, 2,3-dihydro-benzo[*b*]thiophenyl, 3,4-dihydro-benzo[1,4]oxazinyl, 3-oxo-benzo[1,4]oxazinyl, 1,1-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-benzo[*b*]thiophenyl, [1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridyl, [1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridyl, quinolinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl, isoquinolinyl, and cinnolinyl.

15. The compound of claim 1, wherein *m* is 0-2.

16. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^a is substituted at the 6-position.

17. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^a is C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ alkylthio, halo, amino, aminocarbonyl, or alkoxycarbonyl.

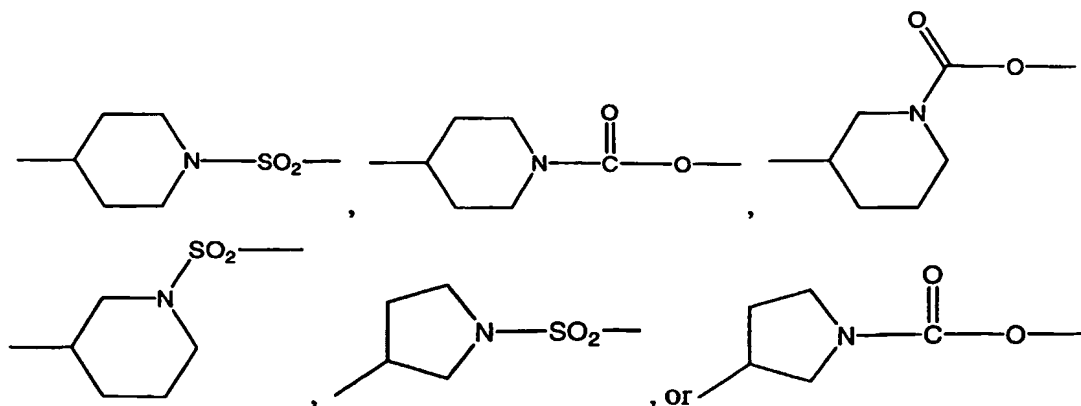
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18. The compound of claim 1, wherein A^1 is N and A^2 is NR^b , or A^1 is NR^b and A^2 is N; wherein R^b is hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl.

19. The compound of claim 1, wherein m is 0-2; R^1 is aryl or heteroaryl; R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl-aryl, or $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl-heteroaryl; X is a 4- to 8-membered monocyclic or bicyclic cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl; and Y is $-N(R^b)-C(O)-$, $-N(R^b)-S(O)_2-$, $-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-O-$, $-O-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-N(R^b)-$, $-S(O)_p-$, $-O-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $N(R^b)-$, $-N(R^b)-$, $-N(R^b)-C(O)-O-$, $-N(R^b)-C(O)-N(R^c)-$, $-C(O)-N(R^b)-S(O)_p-N(R^c)-$, or $-C(O)-O-S(O)_p-N(R^b)-$.

20. The compound of claim 1, wherein m is 0-2; R^1 is aryl or heteroaryl; R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl-aryl, or $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl-heteroaryl; X is piperidiny, piperaziny, pyrrolidiny, tetrahydrofuran, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane, bicyclo[2.2.2]octane, bicyclo[3.2.1]octane, 2-oxa-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane, 2-aza-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane, 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octane, or 1-aza-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane; and Y is $-N(R^b)-C(O)-$, $-N(R^b)-S(O)_2-$, $-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-O-$, $-O-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-N(R^b)-$, $-S(O)_p-$, $-O-$, $-S(O)_2-N(R^b)-$, $-N(R^b)-$, $-N(R^b)-C(O)-O-$, $-N(R^b)-C(O)-N(R^c)-$, $-C(O)-N(R^b)-S(O)_p-N(R^c)-$, or $-C(O)-O-S(O)_p-N(R^b)-$.

21. The compound of claim 1, wherein m is 0-2; R^1 is aryl or heteroaryl; R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl-aryl, or $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl-heteroaryl; and -X-Y- is



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22. The compound of claim 21, wherein A¹ is N and A² is NH, or A¹ is NH and A² is N.

23. The compound of claim 22, wherein R¹ is substituted phenyl.

5 24. The compound of claim 23, wherein R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, benzyl, or pyridylmethyl.

25. The compound of claim 24, wherein m is 1 and R^a is substituted at the 6-position.

10 26. The compound of claim 1, wherein m is 0-2; R¹ is aryl or heteroaryl; R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl-C₁₋₄ alkyl, or heteroaryl-C₁₋₄ alkyl; X is cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, or bicyclo[2.2.2]octane; and Y is -N(R^b)-C(O)-, -N(R^b)-S(O)₂-, -C(O)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-, -C(O)-N(R^b)-, -S(O)_p-, -O-, -S(O)₂-N(R^b)-, -N(R^b)-, -N(R^b)-C(O)-O-, -N(R^b)-C(O)-N(R^c)-, -C(O)-N(R^b)-S(O)_p-N(R^c)-, or -C(O)-O-S(O)_p-N(R^b)-,
15 wherein each of R^b and R^c is independently hydrogen or C₁₋₄ alkyl.

27. The compound of claim 26, wherein A¹ is N and A² is NH, or A¹ is NH and A² is N.

28. The compound of claim 27, wherein R¹ is a substituted phenyl.

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29. The compound of claim 28, wherein R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, benzyl, or pyridylmethyl.

30. The compound of claim 29, wherein m is 1 and R^a is substituted at the 6-position.

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31. The compound of claim 1, said compound being selected from the group consisting of:
4-[4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-sulfonyl]-benzoic acid;
2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridine;
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2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,5-dichloro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

5 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-fluoro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-phenyl-ethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

10 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,5-difluoro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

15 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-2-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-methanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

20 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-ethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(propane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

25 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-3-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-4-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

30 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,5-difluoro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

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2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

5 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(5-methyl-isoxazole-4-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-C-phenyl-methanesulfonamide;

10 butane-1-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-amide;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-C-pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonamide;

thiophene-2-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-amide;

15 1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-amide;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

20 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(thiophene-3-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-ethyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-methanol;

25 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

30 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carbonitrile;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-ethyl-pyridine;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-methanesulfonamide;

5 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-C-pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonamide;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[4-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

10 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-acetamide;

thiophene-2-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-amide;

1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-amide;

15 thiophene-3-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-amide;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-phenyl-ethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

20 methanesulfonic acid 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-ylmethyl ester;

{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-acetonitrile;

{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-acetic acid;

25 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-ylmethyl}-methanesulfonamide;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-ylmethyl}-C-pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonamide;

30 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-nitro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

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- 1-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl}-7,7-dimethyl-bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one;
2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-chloro-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-
imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;
- 5 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methylamide;
2-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl}-phenylamine;
- 10 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid (1-methyl-5-methylsulfanyl-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-
3-yl)-amide;
4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid dimethylamide;
- 15 {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidin-1-
yl}-(3-chloro-phenyl)-methanone;
4-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;
- 20 4-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methoxy-amide;
4-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;
- 25 {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexylmethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester;
4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydrazide;
- 30 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexylmethyl}-acetamide;
N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexylmethyl}-methanesulfonamide;
- N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexylmethyl}-C-phenyl-methanesulfonamide;

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butane-1-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylmethyl}-amide;

propane-2-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylmethyl}-amide;

5 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylmethyl}-C-pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonamide;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-methanesulfonamide;

10 4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-4-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-4-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

4-[4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

15 4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

20 4-[4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octan-1-ol;

4-[4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

25 4-[4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-sulfamide;

30 sulfamic acid 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl ester;

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{4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-
carbamic acid benzyl ester;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carbonyl}-methanesulfonamide;

5 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carbonyl}-benzenesulfonamide;

4-[5-(3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-6-yl)-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

10 4-[5-(3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-6-yl)-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

N-{4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-
acetamide;

4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

15 4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

20 4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

N-{4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-
methanesulfonamide;

2,2,2-trifluoro-N-{4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexyl}-acetamide;

25 4-[5-(3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-6-yl)-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

N-{4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-4-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-methanesulfonamide;

30 N-{4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-4-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-acetamide;

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4-[4-(5-fluoro-6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 4-nitro-benzyl ester;

5 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(toluene-4-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-chloro-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

10 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-nitro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(propane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-chloro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

15 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,4-dichloro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

3-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

20 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

3-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-4-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

25 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-3-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

30 3-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-1-hydroxy-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

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{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

5 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-3-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-3-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

10 {4-[2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridin-2-yl}-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-amine;

4-[2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridin-2-ylamine;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

15 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(5-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-furan-3-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

4-[2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridin-2-ylfluoride;

20 (4-methoxy-benzyl)-{4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-1H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridin-2-yl}-amine;

{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-bromo-pyridine;

25 1-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidin-1-yl}-3-phenyl-propan-1-one;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-C-phenyl-methanesulfonamide;

30 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-phenyl-ethenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

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2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,4-dichloro-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-ylmethyl}-C-phenyl-methanesulfonamide;

5 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid (pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-amide;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid (furan-2-ylmethyl)-amide;

10 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-methanesulfonyl-pyrrolidin-3-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

15 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-pyrrolidin-3-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid ethylamide;

20 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid butylamide;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid isopropylamide;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid (3-imidazol-1-yl-propyl)-amide;

25 {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methanone;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid diethylamide;

30 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylamine;

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{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidin-1-yl}-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylmethyl}-C-pyridin-4-yl-methanesulfonamide;

5 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-2,2,2-trifluoro-acetamide;

4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

2-(5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-piperidin-4-yl-3H-imidazol-4-yl)-pyridine;

10 4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 2-chloro-benzyl ester;

4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 4,5-dimethoxy-2-nitro-benzyl ester;

15 4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 3-fluoro-benzylamide;

4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide;

4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzylamide;

20 4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 4-methyl-benzylamide;

4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 4-methoxy-benzylamide;

25 4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 2,4-dichloro-benzylamide;

4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 2-chloro-benzylamide;

4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid amide;

30 4-[4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-sulfonyl]-benzonitrile;

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2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,4-dichloro-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

{5-[4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-sulfonyl]-naphthalen-1-yl}-dimethyl-amine;

5 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-methanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-pyridin-4-ylmethyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridine;

10 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-methoxy-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

1-{4-[4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-sulfonyl]-phenyl}-ethanone;

15 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-furan-2-ylmethyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-methyl-benzyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

20 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3-fluoro-5-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-cyclohexylmethyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridine;

2-[4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid ethyl ester;

25 2-[4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2,2-dimethyl-[1,3]dioxolan-4-ylmethyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

30 1-[4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidin-1-yl]-2-methyl-propan-2-ol;

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2-(6-amino-3-imino-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-4-[4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carbonyl]-benzoic acid;

1-[4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidin-1-yl]-ethanone;

5 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-ethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-phenyl-ethenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

10 1-[4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-7,7-dimethyl-bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-p-tolylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridine;

3-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-1-hydroxy-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

15 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-methoxy-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-naphthalen-1-yl-ethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

20 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-3-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridine;

3-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-1-hydroxy-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

3-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

25 4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

30 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(biphenyl-4-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-5H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

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2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-phenoxy-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(biphenyl-4-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-5H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

5 4-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-1-methyl-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-1-methyl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

10 {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-1-hydroxy-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

4-[4-(2-chloro-pyridin-4-yl)-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3-phenoxy-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

15 4-[4-(2-fluoro-pyridin-4-yl)-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

4-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-1-hydroxy-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

20 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-bromo-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

4-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-4-(6-bromo-pyridin-2-yl)-1-hydroxy-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

25 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-ylamine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(biphenyl-4-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

30 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-phenoxy-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

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4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid benzylamide;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid 3-chloro-4-fluoro-benzylamide;

5 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-chloro-benzenesulfonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-3H-
imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;
2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-naphthalen-2-yl-ethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-
3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

10 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid cyclohexylamide;
4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid dipropylamide;

15 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid (2-hydroxy-1-methyl-2-phenyl-ethyl)-amide;
4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid (1H-benzoimidazol-2-yl)-amide;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid (pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amide;
4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
20 bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid benzothiazol-2-ylamide;
4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid (5,7-difluoro-benzothiazol-2-yl)-amide;
{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidin-1-
yl}-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone; and

25 {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-1-hydroxy-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexylmethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester.

32. The compound of claim 1, said compound being selected from the group consisting of:

30 4-[4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-
sulfonyl]-benzoic acid;

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2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

5 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,5-dichloro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-fluoro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

10 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-phenyl-ethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

15 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,5-difluoro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-2-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

20 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-methanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-ethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(propane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

25 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-3-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

30 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-4-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

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2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,5-difluoro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

5 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(5-methyl-isoxazole-4-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

10 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-C-phenyl-methanesulfonamide;

butane-1-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-amide;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-C-pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonamide;

15 thiophene-2-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-amide;

1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-amide;

20 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(thiophene-3-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-ethyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

25 {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-methanol;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

30 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

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4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carbonitrile;
2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-
4-yl]-6-ethyl-pyridine;
5 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-methanesulfonamide;
N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-C-pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonamide;
2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[4-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl]-3H-
10 imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;
N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-acetamide;
thiophene-2-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-amide;
15 1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-
pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-amide;
thiophene-3-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-amide;
2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-phenyl-ethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-
20 imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;
methanesulfonic acid 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-ylmethyl ester;
{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-acetonitrile;
25 {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-acetic acid;
N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-ylmethyl}-methanesulfonamide;
N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
30 bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-ylmethyl}-C-pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonamide;

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2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-nitro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

1-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl}-7,7-dimethyl-bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one;

5 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-chloro-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methylamide;

10 2-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl}-phenylamine;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid (1-methyl-5-methylsulfanyl-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-3-yl)-amide;

15 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid dimethylamide;

{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidin-1-yl}-(3-chloro-phenyl)-methanone;

4-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

20 4-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methoxy-amide;

4-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

25 {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylmethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydrazide;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylmethyl}-acetamide;

30 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylmethyl}-methanesulfonamide;

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N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylmethyl}-C-phenyl-methanesulfonamide;

butane-1-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylmethyl}-amide;

5 propane-2-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylmethyl}-amide;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylmethyl}-C-pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonamide;

10 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-methanesulfonamide;

4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-4-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-4-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

15 4-[4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

20 4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

4-[4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octan-1-ol;

25 4-[4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

4-[4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

30 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-sulfamide;

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sulfamic acid 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl ester;

{4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

5 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carbonyl}-methanesulfonamide;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carbonyl}-benzenesulfonamide;

10 4-[5-(3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-6-yl)-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

4-[5-(3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-6-yl)-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

N-{4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-acetamide;

15 4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

20 4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

N-{4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-methanesulfonamide;

25 2,2,2-trifluoro-N-{4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-acetamide;

4-[5-(3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-6-yl)-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

30 N-{4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-4-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-methanesulfonamide;

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N-{4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-4-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-acetamide;

4-[4-(5-fluoro-6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

5 4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic
acid 4-nitro-benzyl ester;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(toluene-4-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-
yl}-pyridine;

10 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-chloro-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-
imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-nitro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-
imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(propane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-
yl}-pyridine;

15 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-chloro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-
3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,4-dichloro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-
yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

20 3-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic
acid benzyl ester;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-
carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

3-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-
carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

25 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-4-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-
imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-3-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-
imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

30 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-
4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

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3-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-1-hydroxy-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester;

{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

5 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-3-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

10 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-3-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

{4-[2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridin-2-yl}-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-amine;

4-[2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridin-2-ylamine;

15 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(5-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-furan-3-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

20 4-[2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridin-2-ylfluoride;

(4-methoxy-benzyl)-{4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-1H-imidazol-4-yl]-pyridin-2-yl}-amine;

{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

25 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-bromo-pyridine;

1-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidin-1-yl}-3-phenyl-propan-1-one;

30 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-C-phenyl-methanesulfonamide;

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- 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-phenyl-ethenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;
- 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,4-dichloro-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;
- 5 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-ylmethyl}-C-phenyl-methanesulfonamide;
- 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid (pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-amide;
- 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid (furan-2-ylmethyl)-amide;
- 10 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-methanesulfonyl-pyrrolidin-3-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;
- 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;
- 15 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;
- 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-pyrrolidin-3-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;
- 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid ethylamide;
- 20 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid butylamide;
- 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid isopropylamide;
- 25 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid (3-imidazol-1-yl-propyl)-amide;
- {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methanone;
- 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid diethylamide;
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4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexylamine;

{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidin-1-
yl}-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone;

5 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexylmethyl}-C-pyridin-4-yl-methanesulfonamide; and

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-2,2,2-trifluoro-acetamide.

10 33. The compound of claim 1, said compound being selected from the group consisting of:

4-[4-(4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-piperidine-1-
sulfonyl]-benzoic acid;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-
4-yl]-pyridine;

15 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-
yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,5-dichloro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-
yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

20 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-fluoro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-
imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-phenyl-ethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-
imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-
imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

25 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-
4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,5-difluoro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-
3H-imidazol-4-yl}-pyridine;

30 2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-2-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-
imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;

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2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-methanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-ethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

5 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(propane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

10 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-3-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(pyridin-4-ylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(3,5-difluoro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

15 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

20 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(5-methyl-isoxazole-4-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl]-6-methyl-pyridine;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-C-phenyl-methanesulfonamide;

butane-1-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-amide;

25 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-C-pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonamide;

thiophene-2-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-amide;

30 1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-amide;

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- 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;
2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(thiophene-3-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-
4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;
- 5 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-ethyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-
carboxylic acid benzyl ester;
{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-methanol;
4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
- 10 bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;
2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-
yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;
4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carbonitrile;
- 15 2-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-(1-phenylmethanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-3H-imidazol-
4-yl]-6-ethyl-pyridine;
N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-methanesulfonamide;
N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
- 20 bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-C-pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonamide;
2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[4-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl]-3H-
imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;
N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-acetamide;
- 25 thiophene-2-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-amide;
1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-
pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-amide;
- 30 thiophene-3-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-amide;

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2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-phenyl-ethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;
methanesulfonic acid 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-ylmethyl ester;
5 {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-acetonitrile;
{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-acetic acid;
N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-ylmethyl}-methanesulfonamide;
10 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-ylmethyl}-C-pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonamide;
2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(2-nitro-phenylmethanesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;
15 1-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl}-7,7-dimethyl-bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one;
2-{5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-2-[1-(4-chloro-benzenesulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-3H-imidazol-4-yl}-6-methyl-pyridine;
4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
20 bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methylamide;
2-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl}-phenylamine;
4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid (1-methyl-5-methylsulfanyl-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-
25 3-yl)-amide;
4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid dimethylamide;
{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidin-1-yl}-(3-chloro-phenyl)-methanone;
30 4-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

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4-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methoxy-amide;

4-[5-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

5 {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexylmethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester;

4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydrazide;

10 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexylmethyl}-acetamide;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexylmethyl}-methanesulfonamide;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexylmethyl}-C-phenyl-methanesulfonamide;

15 butane-1-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylmethyl}-amide;

propane-2-sulfonic acid {4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexylmethyl}-amide;

20 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexylmethyl}-C-pyridin-2-yl-methanesulfonamide;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexyl}-methanesulfonamide;

4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-4-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

25 4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-4-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

4-[4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-
yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

30 4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

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4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

4-[4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-
yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

5 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octan-1-ol;

4-[4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-
yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

10 4-[4-(6-cyclopropyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-
yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-sulfamide;

sulfamic acid 4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl ester;

15 {4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-
carbamic acid benzyl ester;

N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carbonyl}-methanesulfonamide;

20 N-{4-[4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carbonyl}-benzenesulfonamide;

4-[5-(3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-6-yl)-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

4-[5-(3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-6-yl)-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

25 N-{4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-
acetamide;

4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

30 4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid;

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4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-

bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-

bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

5 N-{4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-cyclohexyl}-
methanesulfonamide;

2,2,2-trifluoro-N-{4-[4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
cyclohexyl}-acetamide;

4-[5-(3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-6-yl)-4-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-

10 imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid amide;

N-{4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-4-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-methanesulfonamide;

N-{4-[5-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-4-quinoxalin-6-yl-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-
bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-1-yl}-acetamide; and

15 4-[4-(5-fluoro-6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-5-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl-1H-
imidazol-2-yl]-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester.

34. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1 and a
pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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35. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 31 and a
pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

36. A method of inhibiting the TGF β signaling pathway in a subject, comprising
25 administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

37. A method of inhibiting the TGF β signaling pathway in a subject, comprising
administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of claim 31.

30 38. A method of inhibiting the TGF β type I receptor in a cell, comprising contacting said
cell with an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

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39. A method of inhibiting the TGF β type I receptor in a cell, comprising contacting said cell with an effective amount of a compound of claim 31.

5 40. A method of reducing the accumulation of excess extracellular matrix induced by TGF β in a subject, comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

10 41. A method of reducing the accumulation of excess extracellular matrix induced by TGF β in a subject, comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of claim 31.

15 42. A method of treating or preventing fibrotic condition in a subject, comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

43. A method of treating or preventing fibrotic condition in a subject, comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of claim 31.

20 44. The method of claim 42 or 43, wherein the fibrotic condition is selected from the group consisting of scleroderma, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, glomerulonephritis, diabetic nephropathy, lupus nephritis, hypertension-induced nephropathy, ocular scarring, corneal scarring, hepatic fibrosis, biliary fibrosis, pulmonary fibrosis, acute lung injury, post-infarction cardiac fibrosis, fibrosclerosis, fibrotic cancers, fibroids, fibroma, fibroadenomas, and fibrosarcomas.

25 45. A method of inhibiting metastasis of tumor cells in a subject, comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

30 46. A method of inhibiting metastasis of tumor cells in a subject, comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of claim 31.

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47. A method of treating carcinomas mediated by an overexpression of TGF β , comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

5 48. A method of treating carcinomas mediated by an overexpression of TGF β , comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of claim 31.

10 49. The method of claim 47 or claim 48, said carcinomas being selected from the group consisting of carcinomas of the lung, breast, liver, biliary tract, gastrointestinal tract, head and neck, pancreas, prostate, and cervix, multiple myeloma, melanoma, glioma and glioblastomas.

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